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DEPARTMENT FOR A, WHITE HOUSE FOR MS. MARY HOYT

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (MRS. CARTER) PFOR, PINT, JM  
SUBJECT: MRS. CARTER'S VISIT: OPPOSITION LABOR PARTY MAY BOYCOTT  
VISIT

1. AFTERNOON MAY 29, OPPOSITION LEADER EDDIE SEAGA INSISTED  
ON BRIEF MEETING WITH CHARGE TO "DISCUSS MRS. CARTER'S  
VISIT." SEAGA MADE FOLLOWING POINTS.  
-- ONLY THE OPPOSITION JAMAICA LABOR PARTY AND ITS  
SUPPORTERS COULD GREET MRS. CARTER "WITHOUT HYPOCRISY". HE  
REFERRED TO LAST YEAR'S ANTI-USG CAMPAIGN BY MANLEY  
GOVERNMENT, NOTING THAT HIS PARTY AND HE HIMSELF HAD  
SUFFERED BECAUSE OF ITS STAUNCH DEFENSE OF THE US DURING  
THAT PERIOD, E.G., HE AND HIS SUPPORTERS WERE LABELED AS  
"CIA AGENTS, ETC."  
-- HE AND HIS ASSOCIATES HAD ANTICIPATED THAT THEY  
WOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH MRS.  
CARTER. IF SUCH A MEETING COULD NOT BE ARRANGED,  
HE WOULD, AT A MEETING OF HIS PARTY EXECUTIVE MONDAY  
MORNING, PROPOSE A BOYCOTT OF THE VISIT. "I DO NOT  
ACCEPT BEING MADE A LAUGHING STOCK."

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2. CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT THE CHARACTER OF THE  
VISIT AND THE TIGHTNESS OF THE PROGRAM PRECLUDED  
SUCH A MEETING. ALSO, MEETINGS WITH THE OPPOSITION  
WERE NOT A NORMAL PART OF SUCH VISITS. HOWEVER, WE  
HAD SPECIFICALLY ASKED THE GOJ TO ASSURE THAT MRS.  
CARTER MEET A CROSS-SECTION OF JAMAICAN POLITICAL AND  
OTHER LEADERS AT THE MONDAY NIGHT JAMAICA HOUSE DINNER,

AND THE GOJ HAD AGREED TO THAT REQUEST BY INCLUDING NOT ONLY HIM, BUT OTHER OPPOSITION LEADERS ON GUEST LIST. GEAGA REPLIED THAT WAS NOT ENOUGH, AND HE STILL PLANNED TO REQUEST THAT HIS PARTY AGREE TO A BOYCOTT.'

3. COMMENT: SEAGA IS ANNOYED, BUT ALSO DID NOT REALLY EXPECT A MEETING TO BE ARRANGED AT THIS LATE DATE. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THE ONLY BOYCOTT ACTION SEAGA CAN TAKE WOULD BE FOR HIM AND A FEW OF HIS ASSOCIATES TO NOT TURN UP AT JAMAICA HOUSE DINNER. SHOULD THE JLP GO SO FAR AS TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY ARE BOYCOTTING THE VISIT, THE DAMAGE WOULD BE LARGELY TO THEMSELVES-- NOT TO EITHER MRS. CARTER OR THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT.  
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